

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Nigel Atherton et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: To be assigned

Examiner:

Filed: Herewith

For: TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

25. (Amended) Use of a lanthanum (III) compound in the method of
claim 1.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to cancelled combined subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

25. (Amended) Use of a lanthanum (III) compound in the method of ~~any one of~~
claims 1 to 19 or 23 to 24.